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Subject: Re: URGENT - OPP IO review: Press Inquiry Bloomberg re: PFAS Oily Method

Approved.

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On Sep 21, 2021, at 11:27 AM, Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov> wrote:

Please find for your review our response to Pat Rizzuto's questions regarding the oily method discussed at the SFIREG meeting yesterday. Neil, Thuy, and OGC have reviewed. We are trying to turn this around back to Pat by COB. Thanks.

Incoming:
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Response:
As part of its investigation into PFAS in fluorinated HDPE containers, EPA is preparing to share an internally validated method for detecting 28 PFAS compounds in oily matrices in the coming weeks. The method is intended to help pesticide manufacturers, state regulators, and other interested stakeholders test pesticide products formulated in oil, petroleum distillates, or mineral oils for PFAS. It is recommended that the method be validated by any laboratory before sample analysis. In a shared interest to remove PFAS from the environment, if stakeholders find PFAS in their pesticide product, they should notify EPA.

Thanks,
Shamus

From: Labbe, Ken Labbe.Ken@epa.gov
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:33 AM
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Subject: Fw: Pesticide related-query on PFAS-detection methodology EPA working to complete

HI all,

This must've slipped through the cracks yesterday. Pat's deadline is noon today. Is that possible? In the past, she hasn't really been amenable to updating a piece unless the response comes later in the same day of the deadline (but i'll try to get extra time).

-Ken

From: Rizzuto, Pat <prizzuto@bloombergindustry.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 4:09 PM
To: EPA Press Office <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Pesticide related-query on PFAS-detection methodology EPA working to complete

Context followed by 3-related questions. Deadline Noon tomorrow.

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